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SERIAL NO: 10/043,366 GROUP: 1636
FILED: January 10, 2002 EXAMINER: D. M. SULLIVAN
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 3, 2003

1 Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated October 3, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Please replace the current Abstract of the Disclosure with the new Abstract provided below.

--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

G This invention provides experimental animals suffering corneal epithelial damages, such as dry eye, and methods of using the same to assay a variety of compounds for evaluating the therapeutic effect on the disease, and medicine selected using the method, wherein the corneal epithelial damage is induced by the steps of: using a water-absorbing material having a physical state selected from powder, solution, gel, jelly and tablet, and